

# **THE BULL WALNUT HILL NEWSLETTER**

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## **President's Message**

1991 was an outstanding year for the MRA. I emphasize that this achievement was total effort; everything had to be in place and flawless to achieve an outstanding year. You all share in the glory that this performance brings.

Now comes the hard part; clinging to the lofty perch that you have reached. However, if you bear in mind that the goal of perfection and total quality in everything you do is continues journey rather than a final destination your task will be much easier. You can always find things that need improvement, no matter how small or insignificant. If the MRA is constantly dedicated to finding a better, more efficient method to get the job done, then you will not only stay on that lofty perch but you will continuously fly higher and higher.

Let us all see the best-seen-to-date results of the 1991 to focus our preparations for 1992. You can do it; I know you can. You are the best.

Happy new year,  
Bob Summa

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## ***It is shooting time. . . do you know where your bullet hits?***

As most experienced shooters tell you, there is more to shooting than packing a gun and hitting the target. The way one handles a gun and conducts herself/himself in the range says a lot about a shooter.

In life a little common sense goes a long way and shooting is no exception. The common sense when combined with good practice will lead to great achievements. Unfortunately, we are having some problems with careless shooters in MRA's ranges. It seems that some people lack the common sense on how to hang a target and look beyond it to see where their bullets hit.

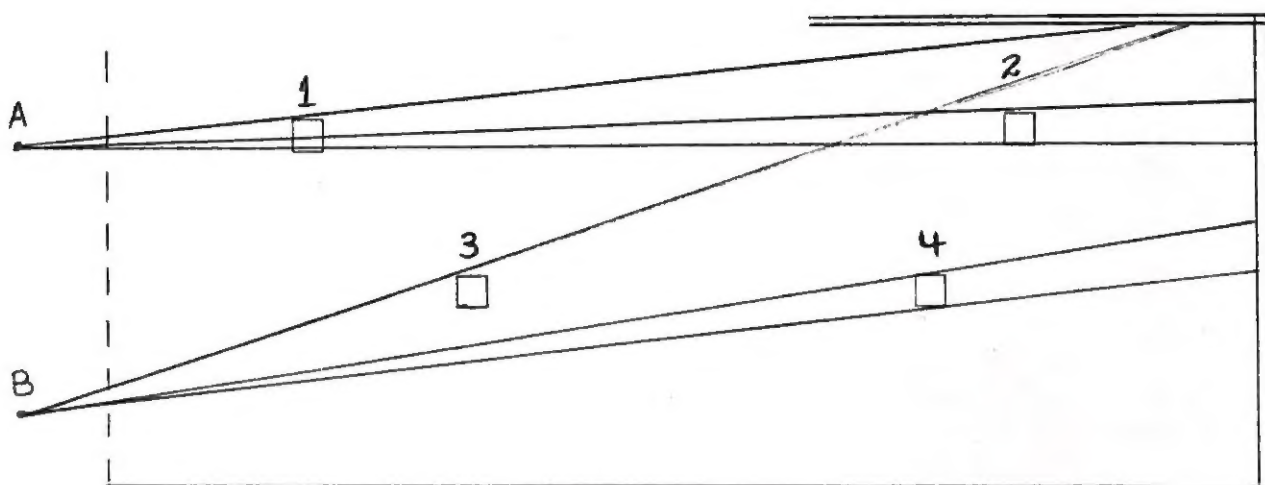
There has been substantial damage to the ranges and pieces of equipment due to the choice and improper positioning of the targets. To make the matter worse, inappropriate conduct such as shooting the drain pipes, placing objects as targets, and using rifle rounds on steel plates have increased the extent of the damage to the ranges. This kind of behavior does jeopardize the safety and eventually lead to unfortunate incidents.

The proper choice and position for a target are essential to the safety of shooters, neighbors, and the up-keep of the ranges. The MRA's "Range Rules" clearly state the

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target must be positioned in a manner that the bullets only hit the back stop not the ceiling, walls poles, etc., as shown in the figures.

The correct position for a target is when bullets hit the outer edges, at any angle, then strike the back stop only. The illustration below shows the correct and incorrect positioning of targets.



At shooting position A the correct placement of the target is the position 2. In position 1, target is too close and bullets can hit the ceiling or the floor depending on the shooters height. This is the most common mistake by novice shooters.

At shooting position B, the correct position for the target is position 4. In position 3, the bullets will hit the ceiling. Common error by kids and short shooters.

One can go over countless scenarios of how various positions can cause different problems. All these specific positions may not be practical to remember. The only thing that is practical and works is for the shooter to pay attention and uses the common sense in placing his or her targets.

Remembering these following few points may help:

1. Do not place your target too high or too low. Place the target center in the same line as your extended arm.
2. Do not place targets too close. It doesn't help your shooting, it is unsafe, and not very impressive.
3. Watch for poles, baffles, hangers, and other range objects in the projection line of your bullets.
5. Do not lay your target on the wood, backstop, poles, etc. Use the recommended target holder for each range.
6. In prone shooting position watch for ricochet of bullets from top of the barriers.
7. Do not shoot at objects such as poles, pipes, bottles, stones, etc. Paper targets only.
8. Use the appropriate bullets for each range and occasion, such as .22 standard velocity in the Fazio range and lead bullets on steel plates.

### **Raffle:**

MRA is raffling two S&W Lady Smith, J frame revolvers. There are only 120 tickets sold for both guns at \$5.00 each. Your chance to own a real carry gun. Tickets are available at the office and most events. The drawing is set for April 15, 1992.

### **A report from the Finance Committee:**

Bill Buehler commenting on JT Coyne's financial reports indicated the Cash in the Bank for the comparable period over last year has increased by over \$25,000.00. Our over income has been steadily increasing with the Safety Course, Pin, Plate, and event matches providing over \$6000.00 in gross income. Our financial position relative to the last year shows an increase of almost \$12,000.00. Prospects are looking good for budget expenditure on the 100/200 yard range.

### **Gerrish Match Results:**

The final results of the Gerrish Match for 1991 is:

Master, Scope sight:

Expert, Scope sight:

2nd place

3rd place

4th place

Expert, Iron sight:

Bob Wright 20V.

Larry Hartnet 19V.

Tom Mearls 17V.

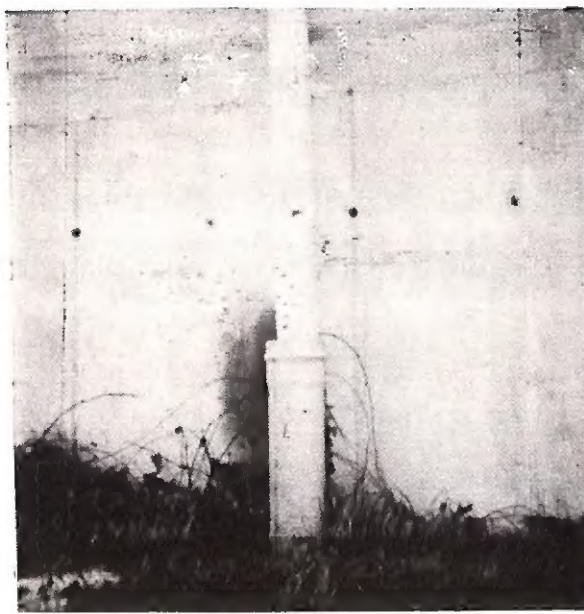
Herb Cole 15V.

Bob Wright 18V.

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**A safety note: NO smoking on the range. Obey the range rules.**

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Photos show the kind of damage done to the ranges due to improper shooting.

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The damage to our ranges cost us all. These ranges belong to all of the club members and we all should act in their safe keeping. One should not tolerate the improper behavior and abuse of the property. Please take a few moments to think about what you are doing before starting to shoot. Report any violation and stop unsafe conduct. ☺

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### **Shooting News**

#### **MRA Schedule of Events**

**Pins:** January 27, man-on-man, shotgun side match.  
February 3, 2nd Chance style time event.  
February 10, man-on-man, two man team side match.  
February 24, man-on-man, shotgun side match.

*Sign up starts at 6:15 pm for all PIN matches.*

**Plates:** January 17, man-on-man, 6:30 pm.  
January 26, timed event, Director's Shoot.  
February 17, man-on-man, 6:30 pm.

**PPC:** January 18, 10:00 am.  
February 15, 10:00 am.

**Trap:** Every Sunday at 10:00 am.  
Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

#### **Club Event News**

##### **A fun shoot for directors:**

On Sunday, January 26, 1992 there will be a Plate Shoot for MRA's Directors and officers. This is your chance to come down cheer, boo, and laugh at the club officers and how they shoot.

##### **Talks On Rifle Shooting For Everyone:**

There will be a series of short seminars on various aspects of shooting at MRA in the near future. These seminars will cover the following areas:

Beginning rifle shooting, Equipment, bullet casting, reloading, types of rifle shooting, competition, hunting, training program and much more.

This is a great opportunity for shooters of all levels to participate and enhance their knowledge. Watch for the bulletin for date and time.

##### **Address Change:**

Bob Rogers, the Club Secretary, informed us of the new mailing address on July 15, 1991 that we no longer use the P.O. box 247. We are still getting mail at the post office box. Please address your correspondence to:

**MRA, Inc., 290 Rear Salem Street. Woburn, MA 01801.**

##### **Boston Sportsmen Show:**

MRA will have a booth at the Boston Sportsmen Show at Bayside Expo Center, March 5th through 9th.

We need volunteers to man the booth. It is a great opportunity to see the show free and represent your club. See Bob Rogers or Lee Conger. There is a sign up sheet at the office.

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